





# THE BRITISH COLONIST

Wednesday Morning, March 11, 1863.  
THE NEW WAGON ROAD TO VAN WINKLE.

As the spring season is now about to open, and men have already commenced to wend their way to the upper country in considerable numbers, it is only proper that we should know what are the prospects for labor in British Columbia this year. The question of an abundance or scarcity of employment is one which of course intimately concerns a large number of our population who desire to try the mines this year. Last year the long line of road from Lillooet to Alexandria and portions of the river route were the means of enabling many a poor man to replenish his purse to a very considerable extent, and to keep earning money till the dry season in the mines enabled them to prospect with a better chance of success. Many were thus enabled to secure good claims. Although the roads just mentioned will likely be carried through very early this season, yet there will always be more or less work on them in keeping them in repair. But fortunately men will not be obliged to depend solely upon the lower roads for employment. If the Government of British Columbia only manage the matter properly the new wagon road between Alexandria and Van Winkle, which it is proposed to construct this year, may be made to do good service in furnishing labor for those desiring it. In order, however, that this may be done to the greatest advantage, it will be necessary for the Government to insist upon the work being commenced immediately and carried through as soon as possible. The time for receiving tenders for the work expired on the twenty-eighth of last month.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that no time will be lost in completing the necessary contracts for the work, so that it may be proceeded with at once. There is no reason why this should not be done. The road, or at least a portion of it, is of such a description as will admit of its being commenced without any delay. Between Alexandria and the mouth of the Quenneville, little more will be required to make a very fair road than the construction of a few bridges and good culverts. These can be done almost as well at present as at any other season of the year. From the mouth of the Quenneville into Van Winkle, the line of road will run nearly altogether through a timber country. Now, although the snow may in this district lie upon the ground for some time to come, it will form no obstacle to the operations of men in cutting down and removing the trees covering the track. In fact, in the Eastern Provinces winter is the season in which nearly all the timber cutting is done. The advantage, too, of early clearing the line of road will at once be obvious, when we come to consider its bearing upon travel and accommodation for miners. Good houses of accommodation would be immediately erected, and ranches taken up and cultivated all along the new road. The cutting down of the forest, by exposing the ground to the sun, would have the effect, also, of rendering the ground much sooner fit for travel than would otherwise be the case.

But it is said that there appears to be no disposition on the part of contractors to tender for the work, upon similar terms to those upon which the lower roads have been made; that is, for the right to collect tolls. If this be the case, nothing remains for the Government but to take some other course of action. The road must be constructed, whoever does it. It is absolutely necessary for the successful development of our mines, that the upper country shall be no longer dependent upon the supplies furnished by pack trains only. Without a good wagon road into the mines, it will be impossible to have provisions there at any reasonable price. If private companies are not willing to undertake the road, the Government must do it. The paltry expense of want of funds, so often urged as a reason for not carrying on many works required by the country, will not do here. There is plenty of money to be had, if it is only put to its legitimate use. There is no reason why the Government could not construct the road, and pay the expenses by levying tolls, the same as the contractors of the lower road have done.

## POLITICAL DUTIES.

We, of this Colony, cannot keep too often before our minds the fact of the great necessity there exists of every man who has an interest in the country's welfare taking an active part in seeing that the proper stamp of men are returned as representatives in our House of Assembly. There is too much danger in a money-seeking, "pile-making" population like ours of these matters being left entirely to a few politicians. The majority are so absorbed in their private pursuits that they think little upon what concerns them—did they only reflect upon it as much as any other object of their attention. It surely can be a matter of no small moment to the public, that the affairs of the Colony should be so managed as best to advance its interests. Every man of principle desires that our taxes should be judiciously expended; that such laws as may be necessary for the good government of the country should be enacted. But it will not likely be done if weak, incapable or designing men are chosen to represent the public interest in parliament. We must choose our Representatives upon pretty much the same principles as we would be influenced by in selecting an agent to manage our private affairs. If honesty, ability, energy and experience are requisite in the agent of a private individual, how much greater need is there for these qualities in one whose duty it will be to act on behalf of the whole community. The misconduct of the one may effect only a single member of society, and him temporarily; but the evil effects of improper action on the part of our parliamentary representatives would perhaps be felt by the whole country—it might be for years. To avoid this evil it only requires that our electors should all take an active part in the forthcoming elections, and that they be influenced by no other considerations in giving their vote than of electing the men every way best qualified to manage their affairs for the next three years.

## PARTICULAR NOTICE.

THE GENTLEMAN WHO OCCUPIED Room No. 13 French Hotel, is requested to call for his baggage within three days from date, or the same will be sold to settle an unpaid account contracted with the undersigned by said gentleman. JOHN BECKE & CO. Victoria, 9th March, 1863. mh11 11

## NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN Alfred Thomas Elliott & Thomas Lavery carried on at the Lion Brewery, under the style of ALFRED THOMAS ELLIOTT & CO., was dissolved on the 15th November last, by mutual consent, and the said business has since then, & now is conducted under the style of Elliott & Lavery, who are the sole Partners. ALFRED THOMAS ELLIOTT. GEORGE ISAAC SUAREZ. THOMAS LAVARY. Witnesses: EDWARD EVANS. Victoria, March 10th, 1863. mh11 11

## WANTED.

A PARTNER WITH A SMALL CAPITAL, to take charge of a good position and well stocked with choice liquors, etc., and now doing a good paying business. As the proprietor has to leave for California in May, this is a rare chance for a person of good business habits, and who would not fail to realize large amounts during the next few months. As money is of no object, a person who can produce good references will be preferred to one possessing a large capital. For terms, etc., apply by letter at this office to G. S. mh11 11

# NEW ADVERTISEMENT

## City Auction Rooms,

PORT STREET, NEAR WHARF.

DANIEL SCOTT & CO.,

Auctioneers & Commission Merchants.

At Horse and Cattle Sales on Saturday. A large paddock kept for the accommodation of stock sent for sale. References—MACDONALD & Co., Bankers, Yates street. Cash advanced on consignments of Merchandise, Stock, etc. mh11

## AUCTION.

DANIEL SCOTT

WILL SELL

In Front of the City Auction Rooms,

On Saturday, March 14,

At 11 o'clock, precisely:

THREE OR FOUR VERY FINE

Saddles

AND—

DRAUGHT HORSES,

Particulars on Saturday morning.

—ALSO—

General Merchandise,

Particulars Friday. mh11

## Oriental Hotel,

IN YATES STREET,

Neatly Fitted up for Travellers.

SUITES AND SINGLE ROOMS.

The Bedrooms are furnished with Spring Mattresses.

THE BEST OF LIQUORS!

To be had at the bar, and

EXCELLENT BILLIARD TABLES!

In the Saloon. Unfurnished rooms may be had, if required. P. MANETTA, Proprietor. mh10 1m

## John Bull Hotel.

Government Street, South.

A 'TREE AND EASY,'

THIS EVENING.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Messrs GORDON & HARVEY..... Lessees

ONE MORE

And positively the last Exhibition of that Magnificent Work of Art, called the

PAN-TEC-NA-THECA.

Will by request of numerous citizens be given at the Victoria Theatre previous to leaving for Australia, on which occasion the Prices have been reduced.

Dress Circle..... \$1.00

To all other parts of the house..... 50 cents

Children..... 25 "

\$200 worth of Magnificent Presents

To be given away, for description of which see

Miss Edith Mitchell

Will on this occasion deliver the celebrated Comic Recitation of "A Lesson to Wives." Also, an Address to the Friends of Victoria.

Seats can be secured all day at the Box Office of the Theatre.

Doors open at 7 o'clock; Performance begins at 8 precisely.

For Sale, Ex 'Rival,'

600 HATS OF 50 AND 72 IN EACH

FINE MUSCOVATA SUGAR, in lots to suit

J. J. SOUTHGATE & CO.,

Wharf street.

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## R. BRODRICK,

Coal and Commission

MERCHANT,

UNION WHARF,

HAS CONSTANTLY ON HAND A LARGE

supply of the BEST QUALITY OF

DRY SCREENED COAL

Suitable for DOMESTIC and all other purposes, at the lowest rates. Delivered to any part of the City at an hour's notice, free of charges for dray hire or portage.

Orders to be left at the Office, Union Wharf.

77 Vessels' cargoes discharged with accuracy and dispatch. Goods stored at moderate rates, and a general Commission and Forwarding Business transacted.

Union Wharf, 10th Oct., 1862. mh11 1m

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LODGING HOUSE

YATES STREET,

OPPOSITE WELLS, FAIRGOLD & CO'S.

MRS. IMEL LUSH.

HAVING GREATLY ENLARGED

and fitted up and furnished in first rate style the above Lodging House, is now prepared to accommodate

One Hundred Persons.

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S PARLORS

Rooms per Week..... from \$2 to \$7.

Lodgings per Night..... from 60 cents to \$1.

Families Accommodated in the best Style

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And Outfitter.

A. J. BRUNN OFFERS TO THE PUBLIC

ALEXANDER'S KID GLOVES, FINE LINEN

COLLARS, WHITE AND FANCY NECK

TIES, SCARVES AND HANDKERCHIEFS.

Firemen's White Buckskin Gloves.

FIREMEN'S RED UNIFORM SHIRTS.

JOCKEY AND REGATTA CAPS.

SCOTLAND'S best Balmoral and Glenlary Caps, with and without Fronts.

Fine and Heavy Clothing.

For Dress, Travel and Work.

FASHIONABLE HATS AND CAPS.

Water-Proof Clothing, Hats & Leggings.

White and Battie Shirts, Vestings and Hosiery.

Gloves, Cassinets, Braces and Tailors' Trim

Patent Washable Buttons

Call at BRUNN'S Fashionable Store, Colonnade building, Government street. mh10 1m

# NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## BUTE INLET

Waggon Road Co.,

(LIMITED.)

Enregistered, 2d January, 1863.

NOMINAL CAPITAL, \$60,000, with power to increase to \$220,000.

THE OBJECT OF THIS COMPANY is to carry out a promise of Charter granted to Walter Waddington of Victoria, and conveying:

1. The right of levying toll for ten years from and after the completion of the first 41 miles of road.

2. Said road to be completed by 1st day of 1864; the Lake, which is 35 miles long, forming part of the communication.

3. The toll not to exceed 3 cents per pound on goods, \$2 per head on large cattle, and \$1 on sheep and swine.

4. A right to take up ten parcels of land of ten acres each around ten different stations on the road, with a remission of their improved value in case of sale.

5. The reimbursement of duties on any steam machinery for navigation beyond the mountains.

N. B.—The road passes through a dells in the Cascade Mountains, which renders it totally impossible to evade the toll.

The proposed town-site at the Head of the Inlet is situated on a dry flat of 120 acres or more, and is about a mile from the mouth of the river, between a water frontage 20 feet deep, and accessible for vessels drawing under 12 feet, and an outer harbor where ships of any burden can unload in safety.

The main features in favor of the Butte Inlet Route are: its shortness—125 miles of land travel to Swift River, against a distance of 255 miles to Alexandria by the Douglas Route; and 255 miles by Yale; the length of inland navigable waters—110 miles; the absence of all mountains, or even eminences worth mentioning; the first half of the road is on an apparently level level, the comparative small number of loadings and unloadings—5 against 14 on the Douglas Route; its dry soil, and the absence of swamps; the comparative mildness of the climate, and the boundless grazing tract; the facility of navigation from Victoria; 35 nautical miles in 20 hours; and lastly, the commodiousness and security of its two harbors.

Twenty-three miles of road from the Head of the Inlet were laid out last autumn, and the remainder of the route through the Cascade Mountains surveyed and partially cleared. Since then negotiations have been entered into with reliable parties for the construction of a steamer to run on the Lake and Upper Inlet before the fall; and the Company expect to be able to open a trail for pack mules before the month of June.

A moderate number of Shares are still undisposed of, and may be obtained by applying at the office of the Company, corner of Langley and Fort streets. mh11

J. J. SOUTHGATE & CO.,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

Union Wharf,

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND

And that cry street, San Francisco, California

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H. MANSELL,

Government street, Victoria.

Has just received, Ex "Helvetia,"

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

LADIES', GENTS', AND CHILDREN'S

BOOTS AND SHOES,

Made expressly to his order, which he offers to the Public at the Lowest Cash Prices.

HE IS CONSTANTLY RECEIVING Goods from the best English and American makers.

Gent's Boots made to order in the best style; Repairing done with neatness and dispatch;

Onsieur—Government street, next door to Hardy Gillette's outfitting warehouse. mh11

## GENTILE & CO.,

IMPORTERS OF

ENGLISH & FOREIGN

GOODS!

ROBINSON'S BLOCK,

Fort street, cor. Government st.,

VICTORIA, V. I.

## Stationery!

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,

Music,

PHOTOGRAPHS!

—AND—

Fancy Articles!

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION!

GENTILE & CO.,

BEG TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF

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They have just imported

PIANOS!

Made by the most celebrated manufacturers in the world.

JUST RECEIVED, EX "JULIA,"

A GRAND HARMONICORDE!

Which is pronounced in Europe as the most perfect musical instrument ever invented. The following testimonial was given to the inventor by the GREAT MAESTRO, Rossini:

"I have heard with great pleasure your new invention. It is a most beautiful instrument which cannot fail to be well received by the musical world. Accept, &c."

G. ROSSINI.

A valuable selection of

Japanese and Chinese Goods!

A choice assortment of

Photographs

OF CELEBRATED PEOPLE.

New and Popular MUSIC by every Steamer.

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F. STEINLE & CO.,

Government st., near Fort, Victoria, V. I.

PRACTICAL UPHOLSTERS

—AND—

PAPER HANGERS.

Beg to inform that they have now on hand a large and choice selection of

Paper Hangings;

Oil Cloth, Carpets, Matting;

Oil Table Covers;

Damask for Curtains.

Cornices and Curtain Bands;

Brown Cotton;

Red Ticking;

Spring, Hair, Moss, and Palm Mat-

trasses.

Also—They are prepared to execute all kinds of work pertaining to the business, viz.: Sofas and Lounges made and repaired; Sewing and Laying Carpets; Fixing Window Curtains and Cornices; Hanging Papers; At the shortest notice, and in the most approved styles. mh10 1m

# AUCTION SALES.

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THIS DAY,

Wednesday, March 11,

At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

J. A. McCREA,

WILL SELL

AT SALESROOM, WHARF STREET,

SPECIAL LIQUOR SALE,

—ALSO—

70 cases Byass' Ale,

20 " Victoria Stores,

BRANDY,

6 eights fine French Brandy,

WINES,

6 1-4 casks fine Sherry Wine,

6 1-4 " fine Port Wine,

—ALSO—

Cases fine French Brandy.

—ALSO—

For acct. of whom it may Concern.

T. T. & Co.—10 boxes Onions,

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TO-MORROW,

Thursday, March 12,

At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

ON Messrs. JANION, GREEN & RHODES'

New Wharf.

Balance of Passengers' Stores,

2 bbls. Oatmeal, 2 bbls. Flour, 2 bbls.

Sugar, 1 keg Barley, 16 bbls. Bread,

14 bags Bread, 2 pkgs. Vinegar, 2

pkgs. Lime Juice, 3 bbls. Pork, 1

Medicine Chest, Life Buoy, tins Fresh

Meats, Cook Stove and Fixtures, Lot

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